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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: AGENDA ITEM 100 - SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE UN TO ACTIVITIES FUNDED FROM EXTRABUDGETARY
RESOURCES

1. IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, THE 32ND SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE BEFORE IT A REPORT ON
THE SUBJECT FROM THE SYG (A/C.5/32/29) AND A RELATED REPORT
FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGE-
TARY QUESTIONS (A/32/8/ADD.9).

2. USDEL MAY SUPPORT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE ACABQ IN
ITS REPORT. USDEL MAY DRAW ON POINTS BELOW AS APPROPRIATE.

3. REGARDING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION
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PROGRAMS:

-- WE SUPPORT THE ACABQ RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SYG AND THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY IN
CONDUCTING THE PLANNED STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND COST OUT THE
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UN IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
STRUCTURE OF THE UNDP AND THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNDP

FIELD OFFICES TO THE UN SO THAT A REPORT CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE GA AT ITS 33RD SESSION; WE ALSO AGREE WITH ACABQ

THAT CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID HAVING THE COSTS OF THE STUDY NOT BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE RESULTS (PARA. 9 OF ACABQ REPORT).

4. REGARDING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS:

-- WE AGREE WITH THE SYG IN ASSUMING THAT THE GA WILL REVIEW THIS MATTER FULLY AT ITS 34TH SESSION (1979) IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE UNDP WORKING GROUP ON OVERHEAD COSTS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ECOSOC (PARA. 24 OF SYG REPORT);

-- PENDING SUCH A REVIEW BY THE GA, WE ACCEPT THE UNANIMOUS VIEW OF THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES THAT THE PRESENT RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT OF 14 PERCENT OF PROJECT DELIVERY COSTS SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR A PERIOD SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A MEASURE OF STABILITY FOR PLANNING (PARA. 24 OF SYG REPORT);

-- WE AGREE WITH ACABQ THAT A STUDY OF INTRODUCING A GRADUATED RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE TAKING A FINAL DECISION TO ACCEPT THE SYG'S
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RECOMMENDATION THAT A SINGLE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT SHOULD BE RETAINED (PARA. 15 OF ACABQ REPORT)

5. REGARDING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS:

-- WE AGREE WITH THE ACABQ THAT THE SYG HAS NOT ESTABLISHED A SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE 14 PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA SHOULD BE APPLIED AND THOSE IN WHICH REIMBURSEMENT OF PROGRAM SUPPORT COSTS SHOULD BE WAIVED (PARA. 16 OF ACABQ REPORT);

-- WE AGREE WITH THE ACABQ OPINION THAT THE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE DEFRAIDED FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET AND THAT REIMBURSEMENT BASED ON A SIMPLE AGREED FORMULA SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE FUNDING AGENCIES AND TRUST FUNDS, EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE THE GA HAS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE (PARA. 17 OF ACABQ REPORT). VANCE

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